

# Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support

CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support (OSTLTS) plays a vital role in helping health agencies work systematically to enhance their capacity and improve their performance to strengthen the national public health system on all levels. High performing and highly efficient public health agencies are more important than ever. OSTLTS is CDC's primary connection to health officials and leaders of state, tribal, local, and territorial public health agencies, as well as other government leaders who impact health departments at all levels.

## What we do

### Improve health department capacity and performance

- Enhancement of performance management capacity of public health departments
  - **National Public Health Improvement Initiative**
  - **Performance Improvement Managers Network**
- Increased support to improve training and workforce programs
  - **Public Health Associate Program**
  - **Field Staff**
- Support of higher health standards and improved health systems for the nation's public health departments
  - **National Public Health Performance Standards Program**
  - **National Voluntary Accreditation for Public Health Departments**
  - **Community / State Health Assessment and Improvement Planning**
- Consultation on policy and legal options that affect CDC health priorities
  - **Public Health Law Program**
- Improvement of business interactions between health department grantees and CDC to reduce time and resources spent on process, allowing resources to be redirected to essential public health services
  - **Technical Assistance & Service Improvement Initiative for CDC Project Officers**
- Coordination of **Tribal Support** for CDC programs and policies that focus on American Indian/Alaskan Native communities, including implementation of the CDC Tribal Consultation Policy/Charter and coordination of the CDC's Federal Tribal Advisory Committee





### Develop assessment and capacity building tools

- CDC's **Prevention Status Report** highlights the status of priority health concerns in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, identifies where improvements can be made, and advances evidence-based public health policy and practice
- CDC **Funding Profiles** tool includes searchable grant and cooperative agreement information

### Engage state, tribal, local and territorial health officials with CDC

- **Biannual Orientations** and the **Health Official Packet** provide opportunities for new health officials to learn more about CDC and how the agency works to support their efforts at all levels in the public health system
- **Town Hall Teleconferences** held a week after the release of CDC's monthly Vital Signs report provide a venue for health officials to discuss strategies, lessons learned, and success stories, as well as build networks around these leading public health challenges
- Weekly **Did You Know?** e-mails promote timely news from across CDC to public health officials to inform public health programs and move data and recommendations into action
- **Have You Heard? Facts From The Field** complements **Did You Know?** and shares with CDC the concerns and challenges of public health agencies, as well as their successes and innovative programs
- The **STLT Gateway** website dedicated to health department staff provides a single place to find multiple CDC resources and also a virtual space to collaborate and interact
- **Public Health Communities of Practice** support electronic information exchanges where public health professionals can collaborate on priority issues
- **CDC's Primary Care and Public Health Initiative** fosters collaboration between primary care and public health through monthly teleconferences and the development of public health educational tools for delivery in residency training programs  
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